

The Ottawa Free Trader.

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LETTERS RECEIVED.

Democrats should look over their tickets well before voting to see that they are correct. If not certain as to which is the correct democratic ticket they should inquire of some one who knows. A great many split tickets have been sent out, and the only thing for democrats to do who are in doubt as to which ticket they should vote is to read the ticket down and see that the names on it are the names of the democratic candidates. The following are the names of the democratic candidates:

For State Treasurer,
HENRY F. J. RICKER, Sr.,
Of Adams county.

For State Superintendent of Public Instruction,
FRANKLIN T. OLDT,
Of Carroll county.

For Member of Congress, Eighth District,
HIRAM H. CODY,
Of Du Page county.

For State Senator,
SAMUEL C. WILEY.

For Representatives,
E. S. BROWNE and JAS. P. TRENCH.

For County Judge,
HIRAM T. GILBERT.

For Probate Judge,
DANIEL EVANS.

For County Clerk,
PATRICK FINLEN.

For Probate Clerk,
HENRY HELMIG.

For Sheriff,
PATRICK BARTON.

For Treasurer,
ASA M. HOFFMAN.

For Superintendent of Schools,
G. B. STOCKDALE.

VERY SINGULAR.

It is very singular that no republican paper or republican supporter in La Salle county has as yet attempted to argue the question of Lawrence Morrissey's ability to discharge the duties of the sheriff's office, though the issue was made by the FREE TRADER immediately upon Mr. Morrissey's receiving the nomination at the hands of the republican convention. Thus far it appears that Jerry F. Riordan, residing somewhere in Kansas or Nebraska, is the only man among all of Mr. Morrissey's admirers who has touched upon the real point in controversy, and he has not done it in such a way as to shed light upon the subject. No man residing at La Salle or in La Salle county has attempted to prove Mr. Morrissey qualified.

The FREE TRADER, at the very outset, conceded that Mr. Morrissey had a good soldier record, but that this fact did not make up for his absolute lack of the proper qualifications for discharging the duties of the office which he seeks to fill. This proposition we still maintain, and the persistent discussion of issues that are not pertinent to the one under discussion by republican papers is virtually an admission of the stand we have taken. We have said nothing about Mr. Morrissey personally—preferring to reach the people through the channel of common sense, rather than through an appeal to their prejudices; and basing our opposition to Mr. Morrissey upon the one issue of lack of qualifications, we submit to the voters of the county that they cannot in justice to themselves place the most important office in the county in the keeping of one who is utterly lacking in ability to fulfill the duties of it.

If the FREE TRADER had remained silent upon the question of Mr. Morrissey's lack of fitness until now, republicans might justly claim that the statement was made for campaign effect; but having from the very first stated the fact repeatedly and distinctly, no one can assume it to be mere campaigning. The silence of Mr. Morrissey's supporters upon this, the most vital issue to him in the canvass, is very singular and is a complete verification of all that we have said.

IT WON'T HAPPEN.

The citizens of this county will watch with interest the judicial contest on Tuesday next. It will then be demonstrated whether an honest, upright and efficient judge shall be defeated because the Ottawa Globe and the Ottawa Journal, both guerrilla sheets, supported by Col. Plumb's money, demand that he shall be beaten. The common sense of the people is too strong, we believe, to permit of any such a result being brought about. Ability, unquestioned integrity and manhood will not be cast aside by the citizens of La Salle county to satisfy and gratify the malice and personal spite of disreputable newspapers, edited by equally disreputable men.

THE TICKET.

Heretofore in each issue the FREE TRADER has called attention specifically to the various candidates for official place named by the democratic convention. There is no need to again go into the subject, as the voters are aware of the qualifications of each man presented to them. Let the voters do their duty and there can be no doubt as to the result.

The invention of campaign canards by those interested in the defeat of candidates named by the democrats should have no weight with democratic voters. Every man named by the democratic convention is a man of honor and is worthy the support of the citizens of La Salle county, irrespective of party.

HIRAM H. CODY.

Never an office-seeker, though often called by his fellow citizens to fill prominent public positions.

A private life and public career that are an absolute guarantee of his integrity, ability and faithfulness.

His well known character among a people who have known him forty years in

spiring absolute confidence in every word of his letter of acceptance.

His present candidacy unsought by him, but by current events beyond his control, having been made to stand for opposition to the corrupt use of money for election purposes.

What will the voters of the 8th District do in the premises?

Make your choice thoughtfully, independently and conscientiously, and let no influence prevent your voting for the best interests and good reputation of the 8th District.

THE GERMANS.

Ralph Plumb's Scheme—The Streator Independent—David Le Roy Plumb's Agent—Ralph Plumb and Not the Democrats.

Responsible for Le Roy's Insult to the Germans.

A Deliberate Attempt to Deceive.

On Tuesday there appeared in the Independent, a daily paper published at Streator, under the editorship of Dr. David Le Roy, an article bearing the title "Hurrah for America!" The article throughout was most abusive of the German nationality and of the German citizens of this country. It was indecent in language and grossly libelous in sentiment. In every sense of the word it was an uncalculated, an unmanly and an un-American attack upon an honest, upright, sober and industrious class of citizens who have found a home in this country. It was as un-democratic as it was un-American, and the epithets applied to the Germans in it were of such a character as to win for the writer and the publishers of it only words of detestation, condemnation and contempt. The contempt which it has called forth for Dr. Le Roy and those connected with him has been a higher contempt than political—it has been the contempt which is felt by every man who sees American citizenship dishonored and disgraced as it has been dishonored and disgraced by David Le Roy.

Since the publication in the Independent, a studied, ingenious and labored effort has been made by a portion of the republican press of the county, aided by the Herald (a German Independent, paper which supports candidates for money and abuses those who will not purchase the editor's) the Ottawa Globe (the property in part of Col. Plumb), and the Ottawa Journal (also the property of Col. Plumb, controlled by him and published in his interests), to create the impression that the Independent is a democratic paper and published in the interests of the democratic party. The attempt has also been made to throw upon the democratic party of La Salle county the responsibility for the unmanly utterances of David Le Roy, through his paper, the Independent. Further, the paper containing the offensive article has been circulated among democratic and republican Germans, and the article itself copied in the papers owned and controlled by Col. Plumb, and by at least one republican paper which supports the republican ticket. It has also been copied in the Herald, and the willful falsehood told that it emanates from a democratic paper.

An appeal has been made because of the article to the German citizens of La Salle county to forsake the democratic party and join the republican one, not because of any change in political principles, but because David Le Roy, with well defined and cunning malice, has heaped uncalculated and outrageous abuse upon them. The appeal is now made to their prejudices, not to their reason, and the managers of Col. Plumb's campaign and the campaign of the republicans in La Salle county are expecting that the Germans of the county who have heretofore stood by the principles of the democratic party, and by its nominees, will with one accord change the convictions of a lifetime and become members of a party who have never had and have not now anything in sympathy with them. The question which each democratic German must now ask himself is: "Will I, a democrat from principle, change my belief and my party allegiance because David Le Roy, editor of a so-called Independent paper, has been un-American enough to heap abuse upon the German nationality?"

To these democratic Germans we desire to address ourselves. We desire to state to them some facts, that they may see the studied effort that is being made to dupe them into voting against their own convictions and their own interests. We desire to show these democratic Germans that the plan to change their convictions is one as unmanly, as unbecoming and undignified as the attack upon which the attempt to change them from democrats to republicans is based. The Germans are a steady, straight going people. They think and reason, and when the attempt is deliberately made to trick them into doing something against their well formed principles, our faith in them is so strong that we know to a certainty that it cannot be done.

Now as to the facts relative to the Streator Independent, and as to David Le Roy, its editor; as to the politics of the paper, and as to the design of its publication. We simply ask the German democrats, and republicans as well, to read these facts, and then say, honestly and candidly, whether they will hold the democrats of La Salle county or Col. Ralph Plumb, the regular nominee of the republican party of the Eighth district for congress, responsible for the utterances, the writings and the publications of David Le Roy, as they appear from day to day in the Streator Independent.

On Thursday the editor of THE FREE TRADER went to the city of Streator, where

the Independent is published, for the sole purpose of ascertaining the facts relative to the ownership of the Independent and the purposes of its publication. When the indecent article in question appeared he felt certain that the belief he had long indulged, that Plumb owned and controlled the Independent was correct, and that it was published under the guise of independence and by David Le Roy, a defeated candidate for the postmastership, supported by Col. Plumb, solely to assist Plumb and the party with which he is connected into regaining ascendancy in La Salle county. Le Roy's democracy was heralded forth, and his newspaper utterances given credence by republican and Plumb organs as emanating from a democratic source, in order that the scheme might work better of deceiving the voters and to furnish campaign material for republican and Plumb newspapers. He believed the scheme to be exactly such a one as was worked some years ago by the republican national committee, who maintained a newspaper in Mississippi known as the Okolona States, which proclaimed itself democratic and gave forth ultra rebel utterances, which were copied by republican newspapers in the North as the democratic opinion in the South. His visit to Streator convinced him of the correctness of his surmise.

The facts which he desires to herewith state he obtained directly from a republican source. He did not seek nor did he obtain them from a democratic one. He obtained them from a republican who has been and is now a supporter of Col. Plumb, but who has waged vigorous war upon his establishing independent newspapers in the district in direct competition with old line republican ones. The information given the editor of THE FREE TRADER came directly from Col. Plumb to the informer who gave it to him direct. No third party figured in it, and Col. Plumb cannot, without committing the most unblushing and willful violation of truth, gainsay or deny the following statements:

First—That the Independent is a paper owned by a stock company.

Second—That it was started in the spring of 1885 for the purpose of assisting Col. Plumb in his post-office controversy at Streator, and to defeat the appointment and confirmation of Miles J. Finlen, democrat, as postmaster of Streator, and to prevent the removal of the post-office from its location in Dr. Edwin Evans's (republican) building. Further, that the object in view was to assist in building Col. Plumb up in Streator and breaking the democratic organization down.

Third—That the stockholders are all, with the exception of David Le Roy, the paid agent of Col. Plumb, active, working members of the republican party of Streator, and staunch supporters of Col. Ralph Plumb.

Fourth—That these republican stockholders put into the concern over \$1,500.

Fifth—That the republicans interested in the paper and stockholders are:

Frank M. Ryan, ex-republican postmaster, succeeded by Finlen, democrat. This same Ryan offered to resign in favor of Le Roy, and with his resignation, the arrangement being satisfactory to Plumb, Le Roy went to Washington, but was refused recognition as a democratic applicant for the office.

Ralph Plumb, republican member of congress and present republican candidate for re-election.

Fawcett Plumb, a republican and a nephew of Ralph Plumb.

Dr. W. L. Smith, a republican, nephew by marriage of Ralph Plumb.

Dr. Evans, a republican, and the strongest supporter of Ralph Plumb in Streator. In his building the post-office is now located, three doors from Col. Plumb's opera house, and has been throughout the past ten years.

John Arthur, a republican.

James Wilson, an active republican and a banker.

James Williams, proprietor of the "bus line, an active working republican.

Henry Baker, a republican, keeps a grocery store opposite Col. Plumb's opera house.

Dr. D. L. Woods, a republican, practices medicine; an active party worker.

There are, besides these, several other republicans who hold stock in the concern, and David Le Roy, the agent of Plumb, who was refused recognition by the democrats at Washington.

Sixth—That Ralph Plumb put into the Independent at the outset \$200 and Fawcett Plumb \$200, and this stock, together with additional money put into the paper by Plumb, is controlled by John H. Shay, who is managing Ralph Plumb's campaign in Streator.

Seventh—That there is every reason to believe that the Independent will cease to exist when the present campaign is brought to a close.

Eighth—That no democrat owns any stock in the paper.

These are the plain, unvarnished facts relating to the Streator Independent. It is the creation of Ralph Plumb and its editor is his creature. Ralph Plumb and the other republican stockholders are responsible for the appearance of the Independent. It is not now and it never has been democratic. Its whole design is the advancement of the plans of Ralph Plumb, whose whole course in politics, as in business, is consistent with the tactics of David Le Roy.

Ralph Plumb is responsible for David Le Roy's paper and David Le Roy's utterances, and the Germans should hold Ralph Plumb, who controls and supports Le Roy, responsible. When the attempt is made to lead German democrats astray by playing the game upon them that Ralph Plumb, by his tool, Le Roy, has attempted, they should

work more vigorously than ever, to prove themselves loyal to the democratic party—a party that first came into power by championing the rights of foreign citizens and refusing to support laws that were aimed directly at foreign immigrants.

The trick attempted by Mr. Plumb, ingenious as it is, will fall very far short of accomplishing the purpose in view.

Whatever odium and opprobrium attaches to the article in the Independent should be heaped by the Germans upon Ralph Plumb, for Ralph Plumb is responsible for establishing the Independent and for the maintenance of it. David Le Roy was placed in an editorial chair by Plumb, and his utterances are the utterances of Ralph Plumb. The attempt made to hold the democratic party responsible for that which emanates from a creature of Ralph Plumb, and a paper brought into being by Plumb's money and today maintained by his money, is a deliberate attempt on the part of Plumb to deceive a large and honest class of voters.

Democratic Germans! Ralph Plumb, through his newspaper, the Streator Independent, and his editor and creature, David Le Roy, has grossly insulted you and your people. He has deliberately planned to make you his dupes. You owe it to yourselves, your nationality and the democratic party to resent the insult Ralph Plumb has attempted to put upon you.

EDITORIAL HONESTY.

The FREE TRADER has lived from party paper, has been the leech of the party and the candidates have been bled from Dan to Beersheba, from soda to hock.—Plumb's Ottawa Organ.

The colonel has a warm place for the country newspapers. A fellow in Ottawa owning a bushel or two of type received the other day a magnificent steam press as a reminder of the colonel's affection. A similar press arrived here [Streator] the other day. They come high, but the colonel needs them in his business, and must have them. All these papers are printing the colonel's suppositious speeches. He has four papers in full blast now—three dailies and one weekly. If the proprietor of fifty pounds of type and a hand press desires to make a stake, all he has to do is to load up his outfit in a carpet sack and come down into this district, set up shop in a fence corner, and notify the colonel of his presence.—Chicago Times, October 23d.

This latter excerpt explains, from a purely disinterested and outside standpoint, the open secret of the "Independent press" of this district.

Newspapers are supposed to be exponents of public opinion—democratic papers of democratic thought and purposes; republican papers of republican thought and purposes. No honest man can take exceptions to the purposes of such papers if honestly and fairly expressed.

The Independent press is in this country almost a misnomer. Practically it does not exist. When the title is assumed it is assumed as a cloak for money making purposes—to make the paper pay. Either the editor or owner is a coward, and afraid to express his honest views because he fears it would effect his business; or (and we point to the English "Independent" press of this country) he systematically sells his opinions of money. As Judge David Davis once put it—"My experience with Independent papers convinces me that they are independent simply to secure the highest bid."

In a town like Ottawa, where the business of publishing newspapers is one of the sharpest competition, where the profits of honest work are small, and where only the most minute guarding of details can earn a profit, the temptation to sell is very great.—It means money in the purse.

Now the FREE TRADER does not pretend to be ultra virtuous or a corner of the "filthy lucre." But this it can say:

That it defies Mr. Rose or Mr. Ralph Plumb or any living man to produce a man who can say on his oath or his honor as a man that the FREE TRADER, or any of its editors, did at any time during the past 46 years on any occasion or under any circumstances, ask, beseech or demand money, patronage or other reward for the support of this paper in a political contest.

This, no doubt, is a fact unique to Mr. Kendig, Mr. Rose, Mr. Le Roy, Mr. Plumb et al. Men of that stamp cannot conceive how a man publishing a newspaper can have opinions and express them or work for a principle without hope of reward and often to his pecuniary detriment. Principle is a factor that has neither place nor part in the life they are living. Their only rule of life as expressed in the campaigns of the past three years is get place and get money. And in this struggle the question of morals has no place.

It is no longer a secret that Col. Plumb paid (and heavily) for what influence the Journal exerts in his behalf, just as he bought the editorial columns of two other dailies and a weekly in this district, for his own uses and purposes. It is further a fact that Mr. Rose himself threatened Circuit Clerk Taylor and a prominent democratic lawyer of this city, who, he expected, would be a candidate this fall, with his opposition to them unless they gave him print. ing to do, which he did not get by the way; and every man who knows ought of the printing business nowadays knows that by legitimate and honest newspaper work the Journal has not earned a profit to pay for the machinery it now claims to own unencumbered. Where did they get the money? The Times' explanation is the only one that can be given—Col. Plumb gave it to them, and Mr. Rose's behavior in the court house since he came here shows he is not above that sort of "argument." And Col. Plumb's warmest friends will not deny that he has paid these newspapers to work up a sentiment for him.

What sort of morals is this? Is it better than sneak thievery? Newspapers are supposed to voice public opinion. Readers ex-

pect, at least, an honest statement of facts. Can a man who buys the editorials of a newspaper be any less a mean, contemptible liar than the editor who deliberately lies in his interest? And a man who misrepresents or colors facts in a newspaper for such a purpose, and for money, is nothing less than a contemptible liar—a character of whom all men, even the most degraded or low down in the scale of intelligence, have a profound and never ending contempt.

This, then, is the character of the papers that support Colonel Plumb—because his money pays their bills. It is this sort of papers that accuse their neighbors of being black-legs, and presume to teach morals to honest men; to tell farmers Col. Plumb is a friend of the farmer; too tell working men that Col. Plumb is a friend of the working man; to tell Christian men and women that Col. Plumb is an honorable, upright and trustworthy man—opinions that have not a syllable in them that is not stained with the slime of the purchase money!

The FREE TRADER has a respect that no differences of opinion can shake for its contemporaries of other politics than its own. It respects their opinion as it expects them to respect ours; but for a political blackmailer no man can have other feeling than that which he feels for the sneak thief who throws dust in one's face and then picks one's pocket.

And this is the outrage Col. Ralph Plumb and his hirelings are attempting to perpetrate upon the voters of this district, and he is doing it as deliberately, with as fixedness of purpose, and by the same methods that a confidence man uses to swindle his victim—by misrepresentation and assumption of the appearance of honesty and straightforwardness. In plain terms, Col. Plumb is conducting a confidence man's race for congress by employing a squad of mercenary "cappers" to deceive the people through newspapers he has bought but may not now own.

THE ELECTION.

On Tuesday next the election will be held and the controversy which has been waged so fiercely in La Salle county throughout the past six weeks will be brought to a close. There is every reason to look for a democratic victory. The ticket named by the dominant party is one that commends itself to the voters of this county upon the sole point of qualification. The men are all capable and honest. They are of good personal character and integrity.

They should be elected, and they will be if the voters of the county express their unbiased convictions.

The work to be done is election day work, and democrats throughout the county owe it to themselves to work hard and vigorously. They should go to the polls and there reaffirm their confidence in the party of the people. There is no reason to doubt a complete victory for the party. The boast made that there are dissensions within the party's ranks is an idle one, utterly without foundation. La Salle county is now and will remain a democratic county.

DEMOCRATS, REMEMBER!

On Thursday there were sent throughout the county of La Salle twenty-five hundred copies of the Ottawa Globe. The FREE TRADER cannot take the space to confute specifically each falsehood stated. It is sufficient to state that the Globe is published directly in the interests of Ralph Plumb. It is controlled by him through his paid agents. It is published for the sole purpose of defeating the democratic ticket and for the advancement of Plumb, and will disappear after the election, as it is to be consolidated with the Journal.

Republicans may stand back and allow Ralph Plumb to ravish their party, but he cannot be allowed to debauch the democratic organization.

It is useless to attempt to conceal the fact that thinking Republicans in this district are very much displeased with Col. Plumb and his methods in public and private affairs. To say the least, they are afraid of him.

The workmen are especially anxious to record a big protest against the prevailing sentiments of the legislative officials. They know that Plumb spent most of his time in Wall street last winter and spring, and never lifted his voice (except with leave to print) in their behalf.—Joliet News.

The labor party of this county presented to the Democratic convention a candidate of their choice for the legislature, James P. Trench. He was nominated on the first ballot. The same party presented to the Republican convention for the same position Mr. David Ross. The convention treated him and his backers with contempt. Let the laboring men of this county remember this fact at the polls, and rebuke the Republican party for ignoring the working men's rights and interests in the law making department of the state.

At the end of the last session of congress President Cleveland signed a bill, which originated in the house, which helps the widows and children of soldiers to the extent of seven millions of dollars. Among some of the numerous pension bills which passed and were not so carefully scrutinized as they should have been were about a hundred, out of a thousand, which small proportion the President vetoed for various reasons. Many of them were old claims that the former administration had thrown out as clearly without the slightest show of merit or justness; others were fraudulent on their very face; and many others were presented for political buncombe by congressmen, who could have obtained their allowance by simply handing them to the Commissioner on Pensions. Out of the whole lot vetoed there were, perhaps, half a dozen that subsequent testimony—

evidence not submitted to the President—that were sufficiently meritorious to raise a question of doubt in their favor. Because of these few vetoed bills, a half a dozen out of thousands, the Republican newspapers are making themselves hoarse or filling up their issues with fierce criticism against the Democratic administration.

RALPH PLUMB.

Ralph Plumb should be defeated, the name of the eighth congressional district may no longer be dishonored. It should be defeated, not because he is a republican, but because as a citizen he has proved in his political methods that he is unworthy the support of honest, thoughtful men.

He should be defeated because he has corrupted the press and debauched voters. He should be defeated because he has resorted to methods unbecoming a good citizen and an honest man.

Ralph Plumb and Ralph Plumb's methods should no longer be tolerated by the electors of this congressional district.

Faithfully Political.

Judge Gilbert is admitted to be the best lawyer in Ottawa, and showing impartiality as a judge, why is it he is not man for the position?—Earlville Leader.

Judge Gilbert, of Ottawa, democrat candidate for the office of county judge, a graduate of Cornell University, and who spent a couple of years at the University of Leipzig, and in addition to this liberal education he has already had forty years of experience upon the bench, so that it will be seen that he is eminently well qualified for the position to which he aspires.—Earlville Advocate.

Prof. Stockdale is a welcome visitor to the Bluff school this forenoon. The Professor leaves no stone unturned in the pursuit of his duties, and voters will simply be doing their duty by re-electing him the office of county superintendent of schools this fall. In his present position the Streator school Prof. Williams is receiving \$1,900 a year, and financially would be a loss to him to be elected superintendent. What he expects to gain by change we do not see.—Marcellus Pioneer.

At a meeting of the greenbackers of Bruce township, held in Esq. Doherty's office last Saturday evening, it was moved by T. M. Smith and seconded by Edward L. Doherty that the following resolutions be adopted:

WHEREAS, The democratic party of La Salle county, Illinois, have recognized the rights of united labor, and conceded much to the greenback party by this action, nominating Mr. James P. Trench for the state legislature. Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the greenbackers of Bruce township, in convention assembled, that we support all nominees of the democratic party for county offices where the greenback ticket is blank.

Resolutions passed unanimously.

A. J. BAKER, Pres.

G. E. GLASS, Sec.

The Chicago Times of last Saturday says Mr. Plumb has either subsidized or bought a controlling interest in at least four papers and they are all of the mushroom order, and they are located at Joliet, Ottawa, Streator and La Salle, and the colonel has them completely in his power. It says "They cost money and lots of it, to a fellow owning a bushel or two of type and a hand press to make a magnificent steam press as a reminder of the colonel's affection. A similar press arrived here the other day. They come high, but the colonel needs them in his business, and must have them. All these papers are printing the colonel's suppositious speeches. He has four papers in full blast now—three dailies and one weekly. If the proprietor of fifty pounds of type and a hand press desires to make a stake, all he has to do is to load up his outfit in a carpet sack and come down into this district, set up a shop in a fence corner, and notify the colonel of his presence."

The Streator Times thinks Frank Snider's canvass for the county judgeship will do him good in enlarging his acquaintance and better enable him to get some practice before Judge Gilbert in the county court.

Do not allow any personal grievance to prevent you from voting the Democratic ticket at the polls next Tuesday.

A Democrat who considers his personal preferences of greater importance than the success of the ticket is too selfish to be a Democrat.

The Republican papers in this county all copied from and praised Dr. Le Roy Independent for saying such nice things about their candidates. They patted the Doctor on the back and pronounced his paper a "splendid instance of popular journalism." Now that he has slandered the Germans, the same papers denounce him in print, but praise him in private and encourage him "to do so some more."

The reception Pat Barton is meeting with this afternoon at the Plumb House is very flattering to him, from the fact that so many Republicans are pledging him their support.—Streator Times.

Judge Cody has made many warm friends by his visit here, and his chance for election are very flattering; a change of five in each precinct will do it, please inform your boastful Republican brethren.—Streator Times.

EDITOR OF THE HERALD: I am a republican "to the marrow bone," and I take great comfort in republican doings and sayings as a rule; but when I read such twaddle as a republican paper as I did in the Joliet Press of the 9th inst: "Workmen can choose between Judge Cody, who stands for free trade, hard times, closed mills and the poor house, or Colonel Plumb," etc., I am more disgusted than comforted by it. I have known Judge Cody's daily life for more than thirty years, and I can plainly assert that such statements are absurd and are the product of an irresponsible and irrational person. There is not an action of expression of his whole life that warrants any one in making such false and malicious statements. On the contrary, he is a "war democrat," and will do his best to sustain the good results of our late war and will do all he can to mitigate the evil and errors of that war. I should like to see the Press live up to the good republican usage of treating every man fairly and considerately.

J. E. HUNT.

Mr. J. Howard James, manager Stocker's Livery, 619 N. 5th street, Philadelphia, Pa., says: After trying all other remedies without relief, for a heavy cold on the chest, accompanied by a severe cough, I used Red Star Cough Cure, and in a very short time was entirely well.